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For: IMAGE FORMATION DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMATION METHOD

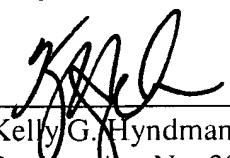
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the feature identified by the Examiner is the only patentable feature in any of the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims also include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase and summary included in the Examiner's statement.

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